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as a quantization of spaces, especially  $n$ -dimensional real lines, Sakai [7] posed the following interesting problem: are there simple  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $n$ -family  $\{\delta_i\}_{i=1}^n$  of non approximately bounded pregenerators of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that given a  $*$ -derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\mathcal{D}(\delta) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}(\delta_i)$ , there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and an approximately bounded  $*$ -derivation  $\delta_0$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  with the property that  $\delta = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \delta_i + \delta_0$ .

In this note, we show that there is at least one model for two dimensional case. It is nothing but the irrational rotation algebra, namely the  $C^*$ -crossed product  $C(T) \rtimes_{\theta} \mathbb{Z}$  of the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C(T)$  of all continuous functions on the one dimensional torus  $T$  by an irrational angle  $\theta$ . More precisely we have the following:

Theorem 1. Let  $\mathcal{A}_\theta$  be the irrational rotation algebra. Then there exist two non approximately bounded pregenerators  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  of  $\mathcal{A}_\theta$  such that any

\*-derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathcal{A}_0$  with  $D(\delta) = D(\delta_1) \cap D(\delta_2)$  can be expressed as  $\delta = k_1\delta_1 + k_2\delta_2 + \delta_0$  for some  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and an approximately bounded \*-derivation  $\delta_0$  of  $\mathcal{A}_0$ .

Remark 1. Suppose  $D(\delta) = D(\bar{\delta}_j)$  ( $j=1$  or  $2$ ), then one can show that  $\delta = k\bar{\delta}_j + \delta_0$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We now state our main theorem as follows:

Theorem 2. Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{G}, \alpha)$  be a  $C^*$ -dynamical system where  $\mathcal{A}$  is unital abelian,  $\mathbb{G}$  is discrete abelian, and  $\alpha$  is effective. Suppose  $\beta_t = \exp t\delta_0$  ( $t \in T$ ) commuting with  $\alpha$ , and there exists an eigenunitary  $u$  for  $\beta$  which generates  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then for any \*-derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{G}$  with  $D(\delta) = D(\bar{\delta}_0) = D(\delta_0) \otimes_{\theta} \mathbb{G}$  there exist a  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , pre-generator  $\delta_1$  and an approximately bounded \*-derivation  $\delta_2$  of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{G}$  such that (i)  $D(\bar{\delta}_j) = D(\delta)$  (H.2)  $\delta_1|_{\mathcal{A}} = 0$ ,  $\delta_1$  commutes with  $\bar{\delta}_0$  (ii)  $\delta = k\bar{\delta}_0 + \delta_1 + \delta_2$ , where  $D(\delta_0) \otimes_{\theta} \mathbb{G}$  is the set of all  $D(\delta_0)$ -valued function of  $\mathbb{G}$  with finite support, and  $\bar{\delta}_0(x)(\eta) = \delta_0[x(\eta)]$  ( $x \in D(\delta_0) \otimes_{\theta} \mathbb{G}$ ).

Remark 2. If  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\delta_1 = l\delta_1'$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $\delta_1'$  is independent of  $\delta$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{A}, G, \alpha)$  and  $(\mathcal{A}, H, \beta)$  be two  $C^*$ -dynamical systems where  $\alpha, \beta$  commute. Then there is a  $C^*$ -dynamical system  $(\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G, H, \tilde{\beta})$  such that  $\tilde{\beta}_t(x)(g) = \beta_t[x(g)]$  ( $x \in L^1(G; \mathcal{A})$ ). Then we have the following proposition of fixed point type:

Proposition 3.  $(\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G)^{\tilde{\beta}} = \mathcal{A}^{\beta} \rtimes_\alpha G$

Proof. By definition,  $\mathcal{A}^{\beta} \rtimes_\alpha G \subset (\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G)^{\tilde{\beta}}$ .

Suppose the inclusion is proper, then  $(\mathcal{A}^{\beta} \rtimes_\alpha G) \times_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{G} \subsetneq (\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G)^{\tilde{\beta}} \times_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{G}$  since  $\tilde{\beta}$  commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}$ .

Since  $(\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G)^{\tilde{\beta}} \times_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{G} \subset ((\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G) \times_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{G})^{\tilde{\beta}}$ , it follows from duality [6, 8] that  $\mathcal{A}^{\beta} \hat{\otimes} C(L^2(G)) \subsetneq (\mathcal{A} \hat{\otimes} C(L^2(G)))^{\beta \otimes \alpha}$  which is a contradiction. Q. E. D.

Comment 1. We only consider locally compact abelian groups throughout this note.

In what follows, let  $\delta$  be a  $*$ -derivation of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G$  such that  $D(\delta) = D(\tilde{\delta}_0)$  where  $\delta_0$  is a generator of  $\mathcal{A}$  commuting with  $\alpha$ . Suppose  $\delta$  commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}$ , and  $G$  is discrete. Then  $\delta(a) \in \mathcal{A}$  for  $a \in D(\delta_0)$ . Let  $(x_n)_n \subset D(\delta)$  with  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\delta(x_n) \rightarrow \gamma \in \mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G$ . Since  $x_n = \sum_k a_k^{(n)} \chi(k)$  ( $a_k^{(n)} \in D(\delta_0)$ ), using the conditional expectation  $\varepsilon$  of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_\alpha G$  onto  $\mathcal{A}$

one has  $\varepsilon(x_n \lambda(g)^*) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon[(\delta(x_n) - \gamma) \lambda(g)^*] \rightarrow 0$  for each  $g$  in  $G$ . Thus  $a_g^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon[\sum_k (\delta(a_k^{(n)}) \lambda(k-g) + a_k^{(n)} \delta(\lambda(k)) \lambda(g)^* - \gamma_k \lambda(k-g))] \rightarrow 0$  where  $\gamma = \sum_k \gamma_k \lambda(k)$  is the Fourier expansion of  $\gamma$  in  $\mathcal{A} \times_\alpha G$  ( $\gamma_k \in \mathcal{A}$ ). Then  $a_g^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\delta(a_g^{(n)}) \rightarrow \gamma_g$  for all  $g$  in  $G$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}(\delta|_{\mathcal{A}}) = \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ , it follows from Batty's result [2] that  $\delta|_{\mathcal{A}}$  is closable. So  $\gamma_g = 0$  for all  $g \in G$ . Consequently we have the following:

Lemma 4. If  $G$  is discrete, any  $*$ -derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathcal{A} \times_\alpha G$  such that (i)  $\mathcal{D}(\delta) = \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$  and (ii)  $\delta$  commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}$  is closable.

Remark 3. In the above lemma, the conclusion is unclear unless the condition (ii) is added.

Now let  $\delta$  be a  $*$ -derivation of  $\mathcal{A} \times_\alpha G$  with  $\mathcal{D}(\delta) = \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ . Define  $\mathcal{J} = \{x \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0) \mid a \mapsto \delta(ax) \text{ is continuous from } \mathcal{D}(\delta_0) \text{ into } \mathcal{A} \times_\alpha G\}$ . Since  $\delta(a \lambda(g) b) = \delta(\lambda(g)) \alpha_g^{-1}(a) b + \lambda(g) \delta(\alpha_g^{-1}(a) b)$  and  $\delta_0$  commutes with  $\alpha$ , we have  $x \lambda(g) b = 0$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $b \in \mathcal{J}$  if  $a_n \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\delta(a_n) \rightarrow x \in \mathcal{A} \times_\alpha G$ . Then  $\varepsilon(x \lambda(g)) b = 0$  where  $\varepsilon$  is the projection of norm one from  $\mathcal{A} \times_\alpha G$  onto  $\mathcal{A}$ . So  $\varepsilon(x \lambda(g)) \in L(\mathcal{J})$ , the left annihilator

of  $\mathcal{I}$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is a two sided ideal of  $\mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ , it follows from the same way as Longo [4] that  $L(\mathcal{I}) = 0$ . Thus  $\varepsilon(x\lambda(f)) = 0$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ . Let  $x = \sum_g x_g \lambda(f)$  be the Fourier expansion of  $x$ . Then  $x_g = 0$ . So  $x = 0$ . Then  $\delta|_{\mathcal{A}}$  is closable from  $(\mathcal{D}(\delta_0), \|\cdot\|_{\delta_0})$  into  $\mathcal{A} \times_s \mathcal{G}$ . Therefore we have the following:

Lemma 5. Let  $\delta$  be a  $*$ -derivation of  $\mathcal{A} \times_s \mathcal{G}$  with  $\mathcal{D}(\delta) = \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\delta}_0)$ . Then  $\delta$  is relatively bounded on  $\mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$  with respect to  $\delta_0$ , namely  $\|\delta(a)\| \leq K(\|a\| + \|\delta_0(a)\|)$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ , with some positive constant  $K$ .

Remark 4. Since  $\delta_0$  is a pregenerator, one can not directly apply Longo's result. However the crucial part of the above proof is due to his idea [4].

By the above lemma, let  $\beta_t = \exp t\delta_0$  ( $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Then there exist derivations  $\tilde{\delta}_f$  ( $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ ) of  $\mathcal{A} \times_s \mathcal{G}$  such that (i)  $\mathcal{D}(\tilde{\delta}_f) = \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\delta}_0)$  and (ii)  $\tilde{\delta}_f = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \tilde{\beta}_t \circ \delta \circ \tilde{\beta}_t dt$ .

In fact, since  $\|\delta(a)\| \leq M(\|a\| + \|\delta_0(a)\|)$  for  $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ ,

$$\|\delta \circ \beta_t(a) - \delta \circ \beta_s(a)\| \leq M \{ \|\beta_t(a) - \beta_s(a)\| + \|\beta_t \circ \delta_0(a) - \beta_s \circ \delta_0(a)\| \}.$$

So  $t \mapsto \delta \circ \beta_t(a)$  is continuous for each  $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ . Thus

$t \mapsto \delta \circ \beta_t(x)$  is also continuous for  $x \in \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\delta}_0)$  which gives

derivations  $\tilde{S}_f$  for  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  of  $\mathcal{O}X_\alpha \mathcal{G}$  satisfying (i) and (iii). Similarly, for each  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  one has a derivation  $\hat{S}_g$  of  $\mathcal{O}X_\alpha \mathcal{G}$  such that (i)  $D(\hat{S}_g) = D(\tilde{S}_0)$  and (iii)  $\hat{S}_g = \int_{\hat{\mathcal{G}}} \langle \overline{g}, p \rangle \hat{\alpha}_p \cdot \delta \cdot \hat{\alpha}_p^{-1} dp$ . Moreover suppose  $P_t = \exp t \delta_0$  is periodic, then we have that  $(\hat{S}_1)_0^\sim = (\tilde{S}_0)_1^\wedge$  commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}$ . In what follows we treat  $*$ -derivations of  $\mathcal{O}X_\alpha \mathcal{G}$  with the same domain as  $D(\tilde{S}_0)$  commuting with  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\tilde{\beta}$ , which are denoted by  $\delta$ . Since it commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}$ , it follows from Lemma 4 that it is closable. Hence one may assume that it is closed. Let  $x \in C^*(\mathcal{G})$ , and  $(x_i) \subset D(\delta)$  which converge to  $x$ . Put  $y_i = \int_T \tilde{\beta}_t(x_i) dt \in \mathcal{O}X_\alpha \mathcal{G}$ . Since  $\delta$  commutes with  $\tilde{\beta}$  and  $\delta$  is closed,  $y_i \in D(\delta) \cap (\mathcal{O}X_\alpha \mathcal{G})^{\tilde{\beta}}$  and  $y_i \rightarrow x$  since  $(\mathcal{O}X_\alpha \mathcal{G})^{\tilde{\beta}} = C^*(\mathcal{G})$  by Proposition 1. So  $\delta|_{C^*(\mathcal{G})}$  is a closed  $*$ -derivation of  $C^*(\mathcal{G})$  since  $\delta(y_i) \in C^*(\mathcal{G})$ . Since  $\hat{\alpha}_p \cdot \delta \cdot \hat{\alpha}_p^{-1} = \delta$  for  $p \in \hat{\mathcal{G}}$  and  $\mathcal{F} \cdot \hat{\alpha}_p \cdot \mathcal{F}^{-1} = T_p$  on  $C(\hat{\mathcal{G}})$ ,  $\hat{\delta} = \mathcal{F} \cdot \delta \cdot \mathcal{F}^{-1}$  commutes with  $T$  on  $C(\hat{\mathcal{G}})$  where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the Fourier isomorphism of  $C^*(\mathcal{G})$  onto  $C(\hat{\mathcal{G}})$ , and  $T$  is the shift action of  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  on  $C(\hat{\mathcal{G}})$ . It follows from Goodman-Nakazato [3, 5] that there exists a one parameter subgroup  $(P_t)$  of  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  such that  $\hat{\delta}(f)(p) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1}(f(P_t p))$

$-f(p))$  for all  $f \in D(\hat{\delta})$ . Since  $\langle g, \cdot \rangle \in D(\hat{\delta})$ , one has  $\delta(\lambda(g)) = \partial(g)\lambda(g)$  for all  $g \in G$  where  $\partial(g) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (\langle g, p_t \rangle - 1)$ . Let  $\delta_1(a\lambda(g)) = \partial(g)a\lambda(g)$  for all  $a \in D(\delta_0)$  and  $g \in G$ . Then it is a pregenerator of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\alpha} G$  such that  $D(\delta_1) = D(\tilde{\delta}_0)$  and  $\delta_1|_{\mathcal{A}} = 0$ ,  $\delta_1$  commutes with  $\tilde{\delta}_0$ . Since  $\delta$  is a closed  $*$ -derivation of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\alpha} G$  and  $\delta|_{\mathcal{A}}$  commutes with  $\beta_t = \exp t\delta_0$ , it follows from Batty [1] that  $\delta|_{\mathcal{A}} = k\delta_0$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore we have that  $\delta(a\lambda(g)) = k\delta_0(a)\lambda(g) + a\partial(g)\lambda(g) = (k\tilde{\delta}_0 + \delta_1)(a\lambda(g))$ , which implies the following lemma:

Lemma 6. Let  $(\mathcal{A}, G, \alpha)$  be a  $C^*$ -dynamical system where  $\mathcal{A}$  is unital abelian and  $G$  is discrete abelian. Let  $\beta_t = \exp t\delta_0$  be a periodic action of  $\mathbb{R}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Suppose  $\beta$  is ergodic, then given a  $*$ -derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\alpha} G$  with the property that (i)  $D(\delta) = D(\tilde{\delta}_0)$  and (ii)  $\delta$  commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}$ , there exist a  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  and a pregenerator  $\delta_1$  of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\alpha} G$  such that (i)  $D(\delta_1) = D(\delta)$ ,  $\delta_1|_{\mathcal{A}} = 0$ ,  $\delta_1$  commutes with  $\tilde{\delta}_0$ , and (ii)  $\delta = k\tilde{\delta}_0 + \delta_1$  on  $D(\tilde{\delta}_0)$ .

Remark 5. The pregenerator  $\delta_1$  defined above would



be written as  $\delta_1 = \gamma \delta_1'$  for some  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $\delta_1'$  is not depending on  $\delta$ . Actually if  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $\delta_1'(a \lambda(n)) = i n a \lambda(n)$  for  $a \in D(\delta_0)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $\delta$  be a linear mapping from a  $*$ -subalgebra  $D(\delta)$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  into  $\mathcal{O}$  such that  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)\alpha_g(b) + a\delta(b)$  for all  $a, b \in D(\delta)$  where  $g \neq e \in \mathbb{G}$  is a fixed element. Suppose there is a unitary  $u$  of  $D(\delta)$  such that  $1 \notin \text{Sp}(\alpha_g(u)u^*)$ , then we have by direct computation that  $\delta(u^n) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha_g(u^k)u^k \delta(u)u^{n-1-k}$ . Since  $1 \notin \text{Sp}(\alpha_g(u)u^*)$ , one has that  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha_g(u^k)u^k = (\alpha_g(u^n)u^n - 1)(\alpha_g(u)u^* - 1)^{-1}$ . So  $\delta(u^n) = \delta(u)u^*(\alpha_g(u)u^* - 1)^{-1}(\alpha_g - \text{id})(u^n) = \delta(u)(\alpha_g(u) - u)^{-1}(\alpha_g - \text{id})(u^n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $\delta(1) = 0$ . Put  $a_g = \delta(u)(\alpha_g(u) - u)^{-1} \in \mathcal{O}$ . Since  $a_g(\alpha_g - \text{id})$  is bounded on  $\mathcal{O}$ , the conclusion follows. Namely we have the following:

Lemma 7. Suppose  $\mathcal{O}$  is unital abelian and  $\mathbb{G}$  is discrete. Let  $\delta$  be a linear mapping of a  $*$ -subalgebra  $D(\delta)$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  into  $\mathcal{O}$  such that  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)\alpha_g(b) + a\delta(b)$  for  $a, b \in D(\delta)$  for a fixed  $g \neq e$ . Suppose there exists a unitary  $u \in D(\delta)$  such that  $1 \notin \text{Sp}(\alpha_g(u)u^*)$ , then  $\delta = a_g(\alpha_g - \text{id})$  on  $D(\delta) \cap C^*(u)$ .

for some  $a_g \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Remark 6. By the above lemma, there is no unbounded  $\alpha_g$ -cocycle closed  $*$ -derivation if  $\alpha_g$  has an eigen-unitary generating  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Now let  $\hat{\beta}_g$  ( $g \in G$ ) be a derivation of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\alpha} G$  as in the previous way (following to Remark 4). Then it implies that  $\delta = \sum_g \hat{\beta}_g$  on  $\mathcal{D}(\delta)$ . In fact, let  $\delta(a) = \sum_g \delta(a)(g) \lambda(g)$  and  $\delta(\lambda(h)) = \sum_g \delta(\lambda(h))(g) \lambda(g)$  be the Fourier expansion of  $\delta(a)$  and  $\delta(\lambda(h))$  respectively. Then  $\hat{\beta}_g(a) = \delta(a)(g) \lambda(g)$  and  $\hat{\beta}_g(\lambda(h)) = \delta(\lambda(h))(g+h) \lambda(g+h)$ .

Suppose  $\delta$  commutes with  $\tilde{\beta}$ , it follows from Lemma 6 that  $\hat{\beta}_g = k \tilde{\delta}_0 + \delta_1$  on  $\mathcal{D}(\delta)$  where  $k, \delta_1$  are as in Lemma 6. Let  $\delta_g(a) = \hat{\beta}_g(a) \lambda(g)^*$  for  $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$  ( $g \neq e$ ). Then  $\delta_g$  satisfy the condition of Lemma 7. Suppose there exists a unitary  $u \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$  such that (i)  $1 \notin \text{Sp}(\alpha_g(u)u^*)$  ( $g \neq e$ ) and (ii)  $\mathcal{A} = C^*(u)$ . Since  $\delta$  commutes with  $\tilde{\beta}$ , and  $\alpha$  commutes with  $\beta_t = \exp t \delta_0$  which is ergodic, we have  $a_g \in \mathbb{C}1$ . Then  $\hat{\beta}_g(a) = a_g(\alpha_g - \text{id})(a) \lambda(g) = [a_g \lambda(g), a]$ . Hence  $\hat{\beta}_g(a \lambda(h)) = \hat{\beta}_g(a) \lambda(h) + a \hat{\beta}_g(\lambda(h)) = [a_g \lambda(g), a \lambda(h)] + a \hat{\beta}_g(\lambda(h))$ . Since  $\hat{\beta}_g - \text{ad}(a_g \lambda(h))$  is a derivation on  $\mathcal{D}(\delta)$ , one has  $\hat{\beta}_g(\lambda(h)) = 0$  for  $h \in G$ .

In fact, since  $\hat{S}_g(\lambda(h)) = \delta(\lambda(h))(g+h)\lambda(g+h)$ , we have that  $\delta(\lambda(h+k))(h+k+g)u = \delta(\lambda(h))(h+g)\alpha_g(u) + \delta(\lambda(k))(k+g)u$  for all  $h, k \in G$ . Since  $1 \in D(\delta)$ , we have  $\delta(1)(g) = 0$ . So  $\delta(\lambda(h))(h+g) = 0$  for all  $h \in G$  or  $\alpha_g(u) = u$ . Since  $1 \notin \text{Sp}(\alpha_g(u)u^*)$ , we have  $\delta(\lambda(h))(h+g) = 0$  for all  $h \in G$ . Consequently  $\delta = k\tilde{\delta}_0 + \delta_1 + \sum_{g \neq e} \text{ad}(a_g \lambda(g))$  on  $D(\delta)$ . Let  $\delta_H = \text{ad}(\sum_{g \in H} a_g \lambda(g))$  for a finite set  $H$  of  $G - \{e\}$  with  $H = -H$ . Then  $\delta_H$  are bounded  $*$ -derivations of  $\mathcal{O}X_\alpha G$  such that  $\delta_H(\lambda(h)) = 0$  and  $\delta_H$  converges to  $\delta_2$  pointwisely on  $D(\delta)$  where  $\delta_2(a\lambda(h)) = \sum_{g \neq e} [a_g \lambda(g), a\lambda(h)] (= (\delta - \hat{S}_e)(a)\lambda(h))$ . Then  $\delta = k\tilde{\delta}_0 + \delta_1 + \delta_2$  on  $D(\delta)$  and  $\delta_2(\lambda(g)) = 0$  for all  $g \in G$ , which implies the following proposition:

Proposition 8. Let  $(\mathcal{O}, G, \alpha)$  be a  $C^*$ -dynamical system where  $\mathcal{O}$  is unital abelian and  $G$  is discrete. Let  $\beta_t = \exp t\tilde{\delta}_0$  be an ergodic action of  $T$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  commuting with  $\alpha$ . Suppose there exists a unitary  $u \in D(\tilde{\delta}_0)$  such that  
 (i)  $1 \notin \text{Sp}(\alpha_g(u)u^*)$  ( $g \neq e$ ), (ii)  $\mathcal{O} = C^*(u)$ , then given a  $*$ -derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathcal{O}X_\alpha G$  such that (i)  $D(\delta) = D(\tilde{\delta}_0)$  and (ii)  $\delta$  commutes with  $\tilde{\beta}$ , there exist a  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , a pregenerator  $\delta_1$  and an approximately bounded  $*$ -derivation  $\delta_2$  of  $\mathcal{O}X_\alpha G$  such that (i)  $D(\delta_1) = D(\delta)$ ,  $\delta_1|_{\mathcal{O}} = 0$ ,  $\delta_1$  commutes with  $\tilde{\delta}_0$ ,

ii)  $D(\delta_2) = D(\delta)$ ,  $\delta_2(\lambda(g)) = 0$  for all  $g \in G$ , and iii)  $\delta = k\delta'_0 + \delta_1 + \delta_2$ .

Remark 7. In the case of discrete abelian groups, the Fourier expansion of any element of  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha G$  can be taken in the uniform sense. In fact, taking a net  $\{f_i\}$  of positive definite functions on  $G$  with finite support converging to 1, one can show that  $\sum_g f_i(g) a_g \lambda(g)$  converges to  $\sum_g a_g \lambda(g) \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha G$  uniformly.

Proof of Theorem 2: Since  $\beta$  commutes with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is ergodic, we have  $\alpha_g(u)u^* \in \mathbb{C}1$ . Since  $\mathcal{M} = C^*(u)$  and  $\alpha$  is effective, there are  $c_g \neq 1$  ( $g \neq e$ ) such that  $\alpha_g(u) = c_g u$ . So  $1 \notin \text{sp}(\alpha_g(u)u^*)$  ( $g \neq e$ ). Let  $\tilde{F}_n = \int_T e^{-int} \tilde{\beta}_t \circ \delta \circ \tilde{\beta}_{-t} dt$  on  $D(\delta)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\tilde{F}_0$  commutes with  $\tilde{\beta}$ , it follows from Proposition 8 that  $\tilde{F}_0 = k\tilde{\delta}'_0 + \delta'_1 + \delta'_2$  where  $\delta'_i, k$  are as in Proposition 8. Since  $\tilde{\beta}_t \circ \tilde{F}_n \circ \tilde{\beta}_{-t} = e^{int} \tilde{F}_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ),  $\tilde{\beta}_t \circ \tilde{F}_n(\lambda(g)) = e^{itn} \tilde{F}_n(\lambda(g))$ . Since  $\beta_t(u^n) = e^{itn} u^n$ , we have that  $u^n \tilde{F}_n(\lambda(g)) \in (\mathcal{M}_\alpha G)^{\tilde{\beta}} = C^*(G)$ . So there are  $b(n, g) \in C^*(G)$  such that  $\tilde{F}_n(\lambda(g)) = u^n b(n, g)$ . Let  $\delta(\lambda(g)) = \sum_n \delta(\lambda(g))(k) \lambda(k)$  and  $b(n, g) = \sum_k b(n, g)(k) \lambda(k)$  be the Fourier expansion of  $\delta(\lambda(g))$  and  $b(n, g)$  respectively.

Since  $\mathcal{A} = C^*(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\beta_t(\mathcal{U}) = e^{it}\mathcal{U}$ , we have that  $\delta(\lambda(g))(h)$   
 $= a(0) + \sum_{n \neq 0} b(n, g)(h) \mathcal{U}^n$  where  $a(0)$  is the 0-component of  
the expansion of  $\delta(\lambda(g))(h)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\tilde{\delta}_0 = k' \tilde{\delta}_0' + \delta_1' + \delta_2'$ ,  
one has  $\tilde{\delta}_0(\lambda(g)) = \partial(g) \lambda(g)$ . By unicity,  $\int_T \beta_t(\delta(\lambda(g))(h)) dt$   
 $= \partial(g) 1 \quad (g \neq e), = 0 \quad (\text{otherwise}),$  which is nothing but  $a(0)$ .  
Therefore we deduce that  $\delta(\lambda(g)) = \partial(g) \lambda(g) + \sum_h \sum_{n \neq 0} b(n, g)(h) \times$   
 $\mathcal{U}^n \lambda(h) = \partial(g) \lambda(g) + \sum_{n \neq 0} \mathcal{U}^n b(n, g) = \partial(g) \lambda(g) + \sum_{n \neq 0} \tilde{\delta}_n(\lambda(g))$ .  
Moreover  $\delta(a) = \sum_g \hat{S}_g(a)$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ . It follows  
from Lemma 7 that  $\hat{S}_g(a) = f_g(\alpha_g - id)(a) \lambda(g)$  for some  
 $f_g \in \mathcal{A} \quad (g \neq e)$ . So  $\hat{S}_g(a) = [f_g \lambda(g), a]$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ .  
Since  $\hat{S}_e$  commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}$ , we have  $\hat{S}_e(a) \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  
 $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$ . Since  $(\hat{S}_e)_0^\sim$  commutes with  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\tilde{\beta}$ , it means  
that  $(\hat{S}_e)_0^\sim = k \tilde{\delta}_0' + \delta_1'$  where  $k, \delta_1'$  are as in Lemma 6.  
Then  $\int_T e^{-it} \beta_t \circ \hat{S}_e(\mathcal{U}) dt = k \delta_0(\mathcal{U})$ . Since  $\beta_t(\mathcal{U}) = e^{it}\mathcal{U}$ ,  
we have  $\delta_0(\mathcal{U}) = i\mathcal{U}$ . Let  $\hat{S}_e(\mathcal{U}) = \sum_n a_n \mathcal{U}^n \quad (a_n \in \mathbb{C})$ . Then  
 $a_1 = ik$ . Therefore  $\hat{S}_e(\mathcal{U}) = k \delta_0(\mathcal{U}) + \sum_{n \neq 1} a_n \mathcal{U}^n$ . Since  $\hat{S}_e$   
is a \*-derivation, we deduce that  $\hat{S}_e(\mathcal{U}^n) = n \hat{S}_e(\mathcal{U}) \mathcal{U}^{n-1} =$   
 $kn \delta_0(\mathcal{U}) \mathcal{U}^{n-1} + \sum_{m \neq 1} n a_m \mathcal{U}^{m+n-1} = k \delta_0(\mathcal{U}^n) + \sum_{m \neq 1} n a_m \mathcal{U}^{m+n-1}$ .  
Hence  $\hat{S}_e(\mathcal{U}^n) \lambda(g) = k \tilde{\delta}_0'(\mathcal{U}^n \lambda(g)) + \sum_{m \neq 1} n a_m \mathcal{U}^{m+n-1} \lambda(g)$ .  
Consequently, we have that  $\delta(\mathcal{U}^n \lambda(g)) = \delta(\mathcal{U}^n) \lambda(g) + \mathcal{U}^n \delta(\lambda(g))$   
 $= (k \tilde{\delta}_0' + \delta_1')(\mathcal{U}^n \lambda(g)) + \sum_{h \neq e} [f_h \lambda(h), \mathcal{U}^n] \lambda(g) + \sum_{m \neq 0} \mathcal{U}^m \tilde{\delta}_m(\lambda(g))$

$+ \sum_{m \neq 0} n a_{m+1} u^{n+m} \lambda(g)$ . Since  $\delta - k \tilde{\delta}_0 - \delta_1$  is a  $*$ -derivation, so is  $\sum_{h \neq e} [f_h \lambda(h), u^n] \lambda(g) + \sum_{m \neq 0} u^{n+m} \tilde{S}_m(\lambda(g)) + \sum_{m \neq 0} n a_{m+1} u^{n+m} \lambda(g)$ . Since  $\text{ad}(f_h \lambda(h))(u^n \lambda(g)) + u^n \text{ad}(f_h \lambda(h))(\lambda(g)) = \text{ad}(f_h \lambda(h))(u^n \lambda(g))$ , we deduce that  $u^n (\sum_{m \neq 0} \tilde{S}_m(\lambda(g)) - \sum_{h \neq e} [f_h \lambda(h), \lambda(g)]) + \sum_{m \neq 0} n a_{m+1} u^{n+m} \lambda(g)$  is a  $*$ -derivation. Let  $a = \sum_{m \neq 0} a_{m+1} u^m \in \mathcal{O}$ . Conventionally put  $\sigma(\lambda(g)) = \sum_{m \neq 0} \tilde{S}_m(\lambda(g)) - \sum_{h \neq e} [f_h \lambda(h), \lambda(g)]$ . Moreover, put  $\Delta(u^n \lambda(g)) = u^n \sigma(\lambda(g)) + n a u^n \lambda(g)$ . Since  $\delta_0(u^n) = i n u$ , we see  $n a u^n \lambda(g) = (-i) a \tilde{\delta}_0(u^n \lambda(g))$ . Now since  $\Delta(u^n \lambda(g) u^m \lambda(h)) = \Delta(u^n \lambda(g)) u^m \lambda(h) + u^n \lambda(g) \Delta(u^m \lambda(h))$ , we can show that  $u^{n+m} (\sigma(\lambda(g)) \lambda(h) - \lambda(g) \sigma(\lambda(h))) = m (\alpha_g(a) - a) u^{n+m} \lambda(g+h)$ . Put  $h=e$  and  $m=1$ . Then we have  $u^n \sigma(\lambda(g)) = (\alpha_g(a) - a) u^n \lambda(g)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g \in G$ . Therefore  $\Delta(u^n \lambda(g)) = (\alpha_g(a) - a) u^n \lambda(g) + n a u^n \lambda(g) = (\alpha_g(a) + (n-1)a) u^n \lambda(g)$ . Since  $\Delta$  is a derivation, we get  $\alpha_g(a) = a$  for all  $g \in G$ . So  $a = \pm 1$  for some  $\pm \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\Delta(u^n \lambda(g)) = \pm n u^n \lambda(g) = i \pm \tilde{\delta}_0(u^n \lambda(g))$ . Finally, we obtain that  $\delta(u^n \lambda(g)) = (c \tilde{\delta}_0 + \delta_1)(u^n \lambda(g)) + \sum_{h \neq e} [f_h \lambda(h), u^n \lambda(g)]$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\delta_F(a \lambda(g)) = \sum_{h \in F} [f_h \lambda(h), a \lambda(g)]$  for  $a \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_0)$  and  $g \in G$  where  $F$  is a finite set of  $G - \{e\}$  with  $F = -F$ . Then  $\delta_F$  is a bounded  $*$ -derivation of  $\mathcal{O} \times_s G$  for all  $F$  and  $\delta_F \rightarrow \delta_2$  pointwisely. Hence  $\delta_2$  is approximately bounded. This completes the proof.

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